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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR—R. A. JOHNSON.
TREASURER—H. W. JERNIGAN.

COMMITTEES.

ON OBITUARIES—W. A. Colvill, R. C. Jackson and N. H. Lucas.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER—J. P. Canaday, N. W. Boyett, H. R. Hayes, M. F. Blackman, S. D. Jackson and W. H. Avery.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. A. JOHNSON	Dunn, N. C.
S. B. THAIN	Glenmore, N. C.
ROBT. STRICKLAND	Glenmore, N. C.
J. WILSON LUCAS	Tennessee.
J. F. HILL	Goldsboro, N. C.
LUNDEE LEE	Giles' Mills, N. C.
J. E. SMITH	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
R. C. WALLACE	Selma, N. C.
J. T. W. EDWARDS	Bentonsville, N. C.
J. P. OGBURN	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
J. H. GRIFFIS	Myatt's Mills, N. C.
W. R. GLOVER	Little River Academy, N. C.
—— MACKLIMORE	Fayetteville, N. C.
KENITH REYNOR	Little River Academy, N. C.
J. S. ELLIS	Clayton, N. C.
W. R. F. EDWARDS	Bentonsville, N. C.
WM. HARRIS	Dunn, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL.

R. A. JOHNSON, J. P. OGBURN and W. H. CANADAY.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

HOPEWELL CHURCH, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.,
Friday, November 7th, 1890.

The congregation assembles in the church at 11:45 A. M. Elder Lundee Lee, who was elected last year to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. E. Smith, his alternate, neither being present, the Introductory Sermon is deferred. Elder J. F. Hill reads the 19th Psalm, and after singing praise, leads in prayer.

It is learned that Elder Lee and his alternate, Elder Smith, are each delayed by sickness. By a vote it is decided to have an Introductory Sermon, and Elder Hill being called, responds and preaches the Introductory Sermon from the 15th chapter and a part of the 4th verse of St. John: "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

After an intermission of twenty minutes for dinner, the congregation re-assemble, and the names of members present are enrolled as follows:

OFFICERS.

R. A. Johnson, Moderator; A. W. Gregory, Secretary.

COMMITTEES

On Obituaries—N. H. Lucas.

On Ministerial Character—M. F. Blackman and S. D. Jackson.

MINISTERS.

R. A. Johnson, Robert Strickland, J. F. Hill, J. P. Ogburn, K. Reynor and J. S. Ellis.

LICENTIATES.

None.

DELEGATES.

Prospect—W. A. Colvill and Richard Sorrell.

Hodges' Chapel—J. A. Hodges and N. H. Lucas.

Pleasant Grove—Daniel Faircloth, Westbrook Tart and L. A. Hall.

Long Branch—By letter.

Colyer's Chapel—J. E. Lucas and John A. Reynor.

Shady Grove—Ransom West, R. C. Jackson and S. D. Jackson, Jr.

Stony Run—G. H. Jernigan and J. B. Pope.

New Hope—H. R. Hayes, S. J. Thain and W. B. Strickland.

Johnston Union—W. H. Avery, John T. Avery and W. A. Davis.

St. Mary's Grove—B. C. Harper and J. W. Pollard.

Johnson's Chapel—W. H. Cannady and W. H. Barber.

Union Springs—J. N. Gregory, J. P. Stephens and Newit Stephenson.

Mt. Pleasant—A. G. Hill and W. H. Coats.

New Prospect—N. W. Boyett and Wm. Merritt

Wood's Grove—Not represented.

Friendship—By letter.

New Chapel—W. H. Pool.

Bethel—R. D. Thomas and J. W. Moore.

Anderson's Creek—J. D. M. Hair and J. S. Denning.

Hopewell—A Mons, Uriah Thompson and Jerry Pope.

Dunn—Not represented.

In the absence of the Treasurer, brethren Andrew Hodges and A. Mons were placed in nomination for Treasurer, *pro tem.*, and by vote A. Mons was elected.

Bro. Andrew Hodges is called to the assistance of Elder R. A. Johnson, as Moderator.

The Secretary calls to his assistance N. H Lucas.

The names of Elders C. R. Pierce and J. P. Mozingo, delegates from the Western Conference, are enrolled; also the names of Elder P. T. Lucas and Bro. J. J. Morris are enrolled as visiting brethren from the Western Conference, and during the singing of a hymn the right hand of fellowship was given by the brethren and they were welcomed to seats in the body, with all the privileges save that of voting.

The following committees are appointed:

On Religious Exercises—W. H. Barber, of John's Chapel; S. D. Jackson, of Shady Grove; and W. H. Coats, of Mt. Pleasant.

On Finance—J E. Lucas, of Colyer's Chapel; N. H. Lucas, of Hodges' Chapel; and W. A. Colvill, of Prospect.

On motion, the Moderator appoints W. A. Colvill to fill the place of W. J. Jernigan, and R. C. Jackson to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of B. A. Hodges, Committee on Obituaries; N. W. Boyett in place of J. J. Roberts, and H. R. Hayes in place of Bro. Neighbors, Committee on Ministerial Character.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elder John Moore, as a member of the Ordaining Council, the following are put in nomination: J. E. Smith, J. P. Ogburn, W. H. Canaday and Robert Strickland. Bro. W. H. Canaday is elected.

On motion, at the request of Elder Hill, he is excused and Elder J. P. Ogburn is elected to fill the vacancy caused by the relief of Elder Hill from serving as a member of the Ordaining Council.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand at 11 o'clock, Elder C. R. Pierce, followed by Elder Kenith Reynor.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and the reports from churches taken up and church letters read, except the letters from Hopewell and Dunn, which are postponed until to-morrow morning.

Elder Hill petitions the Conference for Wood's Grove Church.

Elder Strickland petitions the Conference for New Hope Church.

Elder P. T. Lucas presents the paper, *Free-Will Baptist*, which was endorsed and encouraged by Elder Johnson, for the consideration of this body, and asks the patronage of this Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourns until to-morrow morning at 9:30. The exercises of the day closed by singing praise.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, November 8th, 1890.

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious exercises conducted by Elder P. T. Lucas, who reads the 13th chapter of Corinthians, and after the singing of praise, leads in prayer.

The roll is called, and forty-eight members answer to their names.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The church letter from Hopewell is read, and a contribution of $1.00 is received from the church at Dunn, as minute fund, but no letter is received.

Reports from committees are called for.

Committee on Obituaries retire to get up a report.

Committee on Ministerial Character retire to get up a report.

Verbal reports from ministers are heard.

Elder Hill reports that he has labored in the bounds and has preached outside the bounds of the Conference as much as ten sermons, and done other work.

Elder Johnson reports that he has worked in the bounds, but has not worked outside the bounds of the Conference, though he intends to do so during the ensuing year.

Elder Ogburn reports that he has filled two appointments in the bounds, and has kept up one monthly appointment outside the bounds of the Conference.

Bro. Reynor reports that he has filled two appointments monthly in the bounds, and has worked largely outside the bounds of the Conference.

It being 11 o'clock, the congregation, with those assigned to the stand, retire for preaching.

On motion, Elder J. F. Hill is excused for the remainder of the session.

Elder Ellis states that he has filled two regular appointments in the bounds of this Conference, but has preached outside the bounds of this Conference. He also states that he has a written report which he will present. (See reports).

The Committee on Obituaries make a partial report, and ask further time. (See reports).

On motion, the Committee is granted until the next Conference meets to make their report.

On motion, the name of Lemuel Hardee, delegate from Johnson Chapel, is enrolled.

Report of Committee on Finance is received, and, on motion, adopted. (See reports).

A deficiency of sixty-five cents being found in the Minute Fund, also a deficiency of $4.75 being found in paying the expenses of the delegates to the Western Conference of last year, the money to pay said deficiency, on motion, is raised.

On motion, it is ordered that the Minutes be distributed in proportion to the amounts furnished from the churches, and that 50 copies be sent the Western Conference.

The Committee on Ministerial Character make their report, which is received, adopted, and the committee continued. (See reports).

Resolution offered by A. W. Gregory, concerning the ministers, is received and adopted. (See resolutions).

Report of H. W. Jernigan, committee from the Western Free-Will Baptist Conference, is received, and on motion, adopted. (See resolutions).

Resolution offered by J. P. Canaday is received, and on motion, adopted. (See resolutions).

On motion, the Moderator appoints W. H. Avery, additional to the Committee on Ministerial Character.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Wood's Grove, Shady Grove, Johnston Union, Johnson's Chapel and New Hope churches, a vote taken, and it is decided that the next Annual Conference be held with the church at Johnson's Chapel, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion, Elder Macklemore is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder R. A. Johnson his alternate.

An intermission of twenty minutes for dinner is taken, after which the congregation re-assemble.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-night, Elder J. P. Mozingo; to-morrow Elder P. T. Lucas at 10:30 A. M., followed by Elder R. A. Johnson, which is received and committee discharged.

On motion, the Treasurer, *pro tem* pays $32.35, the money in hand, to the Secretary, to pay for minutes, he to pay the surplus to the permanent Treasurer.

On motion, the Treasurer is instructed to pay to the delegates of the last Western Conference, the balance of the deficiency.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 500 copies of the proceedings of the Conference printed and distributed, and that he should be allowed $10 for his services.

On motion, the Secretary is requested to send a copy of the proceedings of this Conference to the *Free-Will Baptist*, published at Snow Hill, for publication.

On motion, this Conference endorses the *Free-Will Baptist* as the organ of our denomination.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the day is dispensed with, and the Secretary left to make any corrections he may find.

On motion, a vote of thanks is tendered the people of the vicinity of Hopewell Church for the kind hospitality shown during this session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Johnson's Chapel, on Friday before the second Sabbath in November, A D., 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closing exercises, remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

R. A. JOHNSON, *Moderator.*

A. W. GREGORY, *Secretary.*

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

We, the committee, after consultation, find that the faith and practice of this Conference is the same as that of the Cape Fear Conference, and we submit the following:

Resolved, 1. That this Conference and the Cape Fear Conference unite in their co-operation and work as one people.

2. That they hold a general Conference on Tuesday before the second Sabbath in February, 1891, with Pine Level Church, at 12 o'clock.

3. That the officers, ministers and licentiates of each Conference are members of the General Conference.

4. That the churches of each Conference are entitled to one delegate.

5. That said resolutions be submitted to the Cape Fear Conference for adoption.

6. Elder R. A. Johnson preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. D. Davis his alternate.

For the Committee. H. W. JERNIGAN.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Character, report the following: As far as our knowledge reaches we know nothing against any of the ministers, but by general report some of them are not doing their duty. We think the Committee too small to ascertain the general report of the ministers of the Conference at large, and ask for a larger Committee.

S. D. JACKSON, SR.,
M. F. BLACKMAN,
N. W. BOYETT,
H. R. HAYES,
Committee.

ON OBITUARIES.

We, the Committee on Obituaries, not being able to obtain facts at present in reference to the life and death of Elders A. Fowler and John Moore, ask the Conference for further time to make our report.

N. H. LUCAS,
R. C. JACKSON,
W. A. COLVILL,
Committee.

ON FINANCE

We find in the hand of A. Muns, Treasurer, *pro tem.*:

Minute fund of this year	$24 35
Surplus minute fund paid by Secretary	1 00
Expenses of delegates to Western Conference	1 00
	$26 35

N. H. LUCAS,
J. E. LUCAS,
W. A. COLVILL,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY J. P. CANADAY.

WHEREAS, the report is current that Elder J. T. W. Edwards has brought disgrace upon his calling by intemperance, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Ministerial Character be and are hereby empowered to investigate said charges at once, and if the report be found true that they have final jurisdiction to suspend him from preaching.

Resolved, That said Committee be empowered to act likewise with any other minister of Cape Fear Free-Will Conference.

J. P. CANADAY.

RESOLUTION BY A. W. GREGORY.

Resolved, That after the ensuing year closes no minister's name shall be continued upon the minutes of the Cape Fear Conference except that they shall present themselves at each annual Conference either in person or by letter.

A. W. GREGORY.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—1890.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3d. Organization.
4th. Appointment of Committees.
5th. Reports from Committees.
6th. Enrollment of newly ordained Ministers.
7th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
8th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
9th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
10th. Report from churches.
11th. Resolutions.
12th. Miscellaneous business.
13th. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

ART 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 3. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers, of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body, of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

ART. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in the office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference

ART. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties.	Pastors for 1890.	For Minutes.	Paid to Pastors.	Sabbath Schools.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Members Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Number of Members.	Increase.	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett	Lee and Reynor	$ 1 50	$21 47	$ 5 20	$	1	1	4			102		3
Hodge's Chapel	Harnett	J. E. Smith	1 50	40 00			5	3	8			120		3
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Wm. Harris	1 50				1		1		4	108		3
Long Branch	Cumberland	Robt. Strickland	1 00	20 00		58 00			3		3	72		6
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	R. A. Johnson	1 00	41 50			7	4	2		1	74	4	3
Shady Grove	Sampson	W. R. Glover	1 35	40 50	2 25	36 50	25	21			3	229	22	
Stony Run	Sampson	Lundee Lee	1 05	7 00		20 00						107		
New Hope	Johnston	W. R. F. Edwards	1 80	10 20	4 85				6	1		73		7
Johnston Union	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1 00	8 75	5 00	30 00	19	13	6	2	1	72	11	
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1 50			80	3	2		1	1	51	2	1
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	2 00	13 10		1 00	1	1	2	2	1	69		4
Union Springs	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1 00	9 00		10 00	1	1				26	1	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	J. H. Griffis	1 50	6 00					1	2	3	59		6
New Prospect	Wayne	J. F. Hill	1 00	2 00			1					28	1	
*Wood's Grove	Wayne	J. F. Hill										73		
Friendship	Wayne	J. F. Hill	1 00	5 00	1 50							24		
New Chapel	Johnston	R. C. Wallace	60	10 25			6	6	4			36	2	
Bethel	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1 00	12 00			5	4	1	1		35	2	
Anderson's Creek	Harnett	Kenith Reynor	1 00	12 00		9 40	1		3	1		24		3
Hopewell	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	1 00	15 25		1 00			3			29		3
*Dunn	Harnett	R. A. Johnson	1 00									31		

*Last year.